

BREAKERS AHEAD???

There is a little cloud now visible, scarcely as large as a man's hand that is giving any amount of trouble in democratic quarters. It is the portentous sign of dissolution of Free Trade principles in the state of Louisiana and an open revolt of the sugar interest against the democracy of the "Solid South" with its "straddle" on tariff issues. It will be remembered that during tariff agitation in the last session of the Congress the sugar planters had a committee in Washington to watch their interests: they were informed in high democratic quarters that it was the determination of Free Traders to place sugar on the free list at the first opportunity and advised to go home and prepare for it. They went home, reported their action and thereupon a committee was appointed for each parish with power to nominate, indorse and assist in the election of such persons who favored the protection of their interest without any regard whatever to their politics. The result is that influential planters in all the sugar districts are declaring for Blaine and Logan and are determined that the vote of Louisiana shall be honestly polled, honestly counted, and honestly returned. Given this and the Republican party are sure of the electoral vote of the State. The South is only "solid" in appearance. "Protection" is demanding an hearing in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida, and North Carolina. The days of the "Solid South" are numbered and it is gratifying to see that the issue to bring about this happy result is a great economic question that promises peace and plenty, industry and wealth, education and intellectual advancement.

HOLD YOUR HORSES.

The extravagant expenditures of the "Big 4" in their efforts to seduce the colored republican voters are likely to result in the same monetary misfortune as the Virginia Farmer's experience did "before the war" when he shipped his tobacco to Liverpool for big prices. The sales were very satisfactory—but he remarked that "Carriage—Freightage—Shipage—Storage and "hell firage" took ~~at~~ all the proceeds. Don't spend more than the salary of the office amounts to gentlemen—if you do the balance financially speaking will be found on the debilitated side. Never set your plow too deep when working in new ground.

When Butler gets started out there will be two "widows" in the campaign.

OPENING GUN.

The Gubernatorial canvass opened at Newton last week with a joint discussion between Scales and York. Of course in a crowd of 2000, mostly democrats, the party press give Scales the post of honor and all the "demolishing" but in a couple of lines Dr. York is credited with a "strong voice, a tireless speaker and no ordinary competitor." It is something to have a "tireless speaker" and we appreciate this in view of the fact that on Tuesday last we had a very tiresome democratic speaker at the Court House in Durham.

CONSULTING TOGETHER.

On Saturday last the colored voters of Durham County met in Mass Meeting at the Court House for the purpose of considering the political situation. J. W. Grissom was made chairman. Speeches were made by Messrs. Grissom, Hodge, O'Daniel, Pierson, Caldwell and Hon. Stewart Ellison of Raleigh. All spoke well, but with the exception of Ellison their remarks were more of local significance than otherwise. Ellison entered into a more extended discussion of politics in its National and State aspects and handled his subject in a masterly manner, showing great familiarity with political questions and a keen judgment. He spoke fluently and earnestly keeping up a close interest at all times and in the opinion of his many friends it was considered as fine an effort as they have ever listened to from him. His arraignment of the present County Government System was able, fair and instructive. He spoke as a representative of his race but from no narrow view: it was rather the broad National advantage to be gained through Republican success that he presented to his hearers. The question with him was not personal advantage but the advantages sure to follow from a break in the "Solid South" with less of partisan feeling, and more of tolerance and justice through a broad policy of Protection to our industries and labor. Many democrats were present and listened attentively. The meeting closed with the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved; That the Republican party is to be congratulated upon the splendid nomination of Blaine and Logan as our presidential standard bearers; That we heartily endorse and ratify the nominations upon our State ticket headed by Tyre York, as also the national and State platforms. That we have full faith and confidence in our Republican County Executive Committee and pledge our undivided support to such candidates as may be hereafter nominated or endorsed in County Convention.

NOTICE.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION—FOURTH DISTRICT.

By request and authority of the Executive Committee for the district, I hereby call a convention of the Republican party for the Fourth Congressional district, to meet in the city of Raleigh, on Wednesday, 3d day of September, 1884, at 11 o'clock a. m, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Congress and Presidential elector for the district, reorganizing the executive committee, and the doing of other business properly brought before the convention.

The chairman of the Republican executive committee for each county in the district, is requested to issue immediate calls for county conventions to be held in their respective counties to appoint delegates to the Congressional convention.

The several counties will be entitled to twice the number of delegates in the convention that they are to members in the House of Representatives.

The Liberals of the district are respectfully invited to give such cooperation as they may deem proper, according to their plan of organization.

C. L. HARRIS, Ch'n.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

A Republican County Convention is hereby called to meet in Durham on Wednesday August 27th at 10 o'clock A. M, to elect two delegates and two alternates to the Congressional Convention and for the purpose of selecting a County ticket for Durham County. Each voting precinct is entitled to elect three delegates and three alternates to said convention. Primary Committees are requested to call a meeting of the Republicans of their precincts and send a full delegation to this Convention.

By the Rep. Ex. Com.

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Mr. Murat Halstead of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette writes from New-York to his paper "I do not overstate the matter when I say that the best informed here are of the opinion that Blaine will come even with Cleveland in the City of New-York." That means 100,000 Republican majority in New-York State.

A KIND WORD.

It is with no little pleasure that we commend the Durham County Republican to the fair consideration of every voter in the State. It is fair, and it is very able.—[Statesville American.